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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-297**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Chiropractic Licensure**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking to adopt the requirements for licensure as a chiropractic radiographer pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 314.

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure and telehealth services. A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 1: Definitions**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 502

PURPOSE: This chapter defines and clarifies terms used throughout the Board’s rules. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 2: General Provisions**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 502

PURPOSE: The chapter contains provisions describing the conduct of meetings and hearings, acting on requests for advisory rulings, complaint and investigation procedures and record keeping. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

**CHAPTER 3-A: Licensure Requirement for Chiropractic Doctors and Temporary Chiropractic Interns**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 502, 551, 552, and 564

PURPOSE: This chapter states the requirements for a chiropractor license and the professional liability insurance coverage for a temporary chiropractic intern.

The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License chiropractor applicants and temporary chiropractic interns applicants

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 4: Requirements for Certifying Chiropractors to Practice Chiropractic Acupuncture**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 502

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes acceptable qualifications, procedures and continuing education requirements for certifying licensed chiropractors in the practice of chiropractic acupuncture. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants and licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 5: Certification Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants and the Issuance of Temporary Certificates for Chiropractic Assistants**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 502, 555, 556

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes requirements for issuance of a certificate to function as a certified chiropractic assistant, and the issuance of a temporary certificate to function as a certified chiropractic assistant. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 6: Continuing Professional Education**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 502, 553-A(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes requirements for continuing professional education to be completed by licensees for licensing renewal and approval for sponsored continuing education courses or programs. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 7: Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 502

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes enforcement and disciplinary procedures, including grounds for discipline and clarification of terms. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 8: Code of Ethics**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 502

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes standards of professional practice in the practice of chiropractic services. The Board may review this chapter and make changes to reflect current practice expectations for the protection of the public being served.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 566

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to establish standards of practice and appropriate restrictions for the various types and forms of telehealth services.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: P.L. 2025, c. 314

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the licensure requirements for a licensed chiropractic assistant to obtain a separate license from the Board to perform chiropractic radiography under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.